

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

You must understand that in every communist and totalitarian regime, there is no chance to fight propaganda as the media is controlled by a small group of people; if American commercial media competition is reduced to a small group of elite companies, the trend is devastating to our democracy.

How will our strong tradition of media watchdog reporting continue to help keep justice in place if we allow news reporting to be consolidated as if it were simply a product such as automobiles or hamburgers?

In determining diversity, the FCC should not simply look at the number of internet websites or TV channels available, rather it should look at the fact that few companies already own those channels which command the largest advertising revenue which is commonly used to promote their own stations as being diverse, rather than a real diversity of ownership. As a computer professional, I can tell you that most people do not get their news reporting & cultural programming from the vast quantity of websites available, as there is no way to keep tabs on these sources when they report erroneously or fraudulantly, though the public can voice objections over regulated media such as television, radio & print when we know who controls these outlets and where they are based.

The idea of democracy does not work when the few control the many, just as media control by the few will erode reportorial freedom and access to diverse & legitimate views fundamental to our democratic values.